

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Column 10, line 65 of the Specification as published with the following amended paragraph:

Similarly, as shown in FIG. 8, the function of the guiding loops 21 of the blind 1 could be incorporated into the engaging collars 25. In this regard, a plurality of collars 25 could be slidably mounted about each auxiliary tilt cord 14, 15 and about its associated rear vertical member 17, 19, between each adjacent pair of cross-rungs 29 or between selected pairs of cross-rungs of the rear vertical member 17, 19.